

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY HIRES HOLLYWOOD LIAISON

Salary: GS-15 (over \$100,000)
No specific congressional authorization



According to recent news reports, the Department of Homeland Security has hired former actress Bobbie Faye Furgeson, as DHS' "liaison to the entertainment industry." In March 2004, DHS posted the opening for a "liaison to the entertainment industry," stating the salary could top \$136,000, plus benefits. Ferguson's new role as Homeland's connection to the stars began in October 2004, and she has been quoted as saying, "I've had dozens and dozens of inquiries" (while touring California-Mexico border with two screen writers).

Job Description:

- Reviewing movie scripts;
- "Give the public a better understanding of how the department...protects the country," according to DHS spokesman, Brian Roehrkasse;
- Approves DHS' assistance (cooperation and use of resources) for TV/movie outlets; and
- "Identify opportunities for proactive outreach to the entertainment industry."

Sources: USA Today, March 8, 2005 and
March 2004 DHS job posting on www.usajobs.com

Price of Security:

\$100,000 could buy...

- 716 Escape Hoods (\$139.50ea)
- 558 Emergency PA systems (\$179ea)
- 165 Bullet Resistant Vests (\$605ea)
- 40 Level A HazMat Protective suits (\$2,495ea)

Sources: www.bulletproofme.com, www.approvedgasmasks.com,
www.americaspersonalsecurity.com



Bobbie Faye's previous Hollywood and political experience:

- Played herself in the movie, "The Bermuda Triangle;"
- Played a hooker on the TV show, "Designing Women;"
- "Director of Talent" for the President Clinton's second inaugural committee;
- Deposed in 1996 by the House Committee on Government Oversight and Reform Committee in Travelgate hearing; and
- Worked on NASA's behalf on the movies "Space Cowboys" and "Armageddon"

Source: USA Today, March 8, 2005